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1. OFFICE OF DEPUTY MINISTER FOREIGN TRADE TELEPHONED ECONOMIC OFFICER AT HOME AT 0800 HRS SATURDAY AUGUST 10 TO REQUEST MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THAT MORNING ON MFN QUESTION. DEPMIN HAD RECEIVED

REPORTS, WITH VERY LITTLE BACKGROUND DETAIL AND NO CONFIRMING INFORMATION, THAT "CONGRESS HAD VOTED LEGISLATION GRANTING MFN TO ROMANIA." DURING SUBSEQUENT MEETING, MINFORTRADE COUNSELOR FOTA REFERRED TO A BBC ANNOUNCEMENT TO THIS EFFECT ON FRIDAY AUGUST 9. WE OURSELVES MONITORED A PORTION OF RFE ANNOUNCEMENT ON SATURDAY AUGUST 10 WHICH MENTIONED THAT A BILL HAD MOVED THROUGH THE SENATE WITH AN AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD GRANT MFN TO ROMANIA ONLY. WE ALSO NOTICED A THREE-LINE ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE STARS AND STRIPES NEWSPAPER OF AUGUST 10 STATING THAT THE "SENATE HAD VOTED TO GRANT MFN TREATMENT

TO ROMANIA."

2. WE ARE UNABLE TO FIND ANYTHING IN ANY OF OUR CORRESPONDENCE WHICH WOULD INDICATE ANY MOVEMENT ON TRADE REFORM BILL OTHER THAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE EXPECTED CONSIDERATION IN RECONVENED SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE ABOUT MID-AUGUST. WE HAVE NO OTHER INFORMATION ON RIDERS

ATTACHED TO OTHER BILLS, ALTHOUGH WE EXPECT THAT THIS MAY BE THE ORIGIN OF THESE STORIES.

3. WE ARE LITERALLY BEING BESIEGED BY CALLS FROM GOR OFFICIALS AND BY DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY, AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY GUIDANCE ON THIS ISSUE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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